

Council Compromises on TPB, Seeks to Amend Constitution

by Mary Willis Clarke

Attendees and home streaming video viewers of the January 23 Greenbelt City Council meeting witnessed a range of Greenbelt opinions. An overflow crowd presented council with a petition seeking support of constitutional reform to overturn the effects of the Supreme Court Citizens United decision, a position following the Greenbelt tradition of progressive thinking. Resolution of the issue of which councilmember to appoint to the Transportation Planning Board resulted in strongly opinioned audience comments at the end of the meeting. The evening began quietly, however, with a presentation demonstrating new capabilities on the city website which will allow the citizenry access to Agenda Comments and back up documents provided to council members in advance of meetings, an advance for government transparency long treasured by Greenbelt residents.

Citizens United Petition

With all chairs occupied and the perimeter of the chamber

crowded, Jennifer Robinson, as spokesperson, sought city council support of efforts for a constitutional amendment to reverse the Supreme Court Citizens United decision. That decision determined that government cannot place limits on independent spending for political purposes by corporations and unions as such limits would impinge on First Amendment freedom of speech by those entities. The effect of the decision is to allow individuals and corporations to spend an unlimited amount of money to promote or defeat candidates.

Robinson presented council with a petition with 45 signatures, gathered at the entrance to the council chamber, urging council to write a letter supporting the efforts of Maryland State Senator Jaime Raskin. Raskin seeks to have the Maryland General Assembly call upon the United States Congress to propose and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment that would reverse the Citizens United decision.

Along with the many Greenbelt residents present supporting the petition, Mark Hayes from the citizen advocacy group Public Citizen addressed council about the issues involved. He stated, “Democracy is for People” and described the disproportionate impact the Citizens United decision will have on state and local elections as well as national elections. He indicated that there are currently over 300 events/actions across the country urging Citizens United reforms.

Councilmembers all supported the concept of reform but Councilmember Emmett Jordan expressed concern about the city council taking positions on national issues. Councilmember Konrad Herling described the constitutional amendment proposed by Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders and wanted support expressed for the Senator Sanders approach. Councilmember Rodney Roberts wanted a Greenbelt letter to go to the

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Future Plans for Vacated School Property Engages City Council

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council was again surprised by new, conflicting information from the Prince George’s County Board of Education affecting planning for restoration of the historic portions (over 50 years old) of the soon-to-be vacated Greenbelt Middle School building. Council had thought that \$6 million was in the state capital budget for restoration of the old building once the new school is completed in August.

“That money is not in any state budget,” Deputy School Superintendent Bonita Coleman-Potter told council recently. “If there is money left over from school construction, it can be used for making improvements to the old school building.” Left unanswered was how the school system would make improvements required by the Maryland Historic Trust to assure preservation of historic portions of

the old school if there were no leftover construction funds.

Construction of the new middle school, now 69 percent complete and due to be occupied in August; preservation of the old school; and continued use of the adjacent school bus lot were the most contentious items of a three-hour stakeholder meeting on January 29 between council and representatives of the school board.

Five members of the county board attended: Chair Verjeana F. Jacobs, District 5, Vice Chair Peggy Higgins, District 2, which includes Greenbelt; Rosalind A. Johnson, District 1, who represented Greenbelt before the last redistricting; Patricia Eubanks, District 4, and Donna Hathaway Beck, District 9. Also attending the meeting was Carmen Jackson-Brown of the school system’s Department of Capital Improve-

ments. All city councilmembers except Silke Pope were at the meeting.

New School

Everyone was pleased with progress on the new school. Council was told how students in the current school were able to look out a window and watch the progress of construction on the same school property nearby. Mayor Judith Davis said she too had looked out that window, as well as visiting the site itself.

Jackson-Brown thanked council for pushing the project. “The kids are so excited,” she said.

Jackson-Brown also reported on the strong effort being made to have the new facility recognized as a Gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building, the second highest rating for sustainable building construction by the U.S. Green Building Council. For such recognition, building materials must be obtained from within a 500 square-mile radius and a large percentage of materials used must have been recycled.

School board policy calls for all new county school construction to meet LEED standards and GMS will be the first county middle school to be so recognized.

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Black History Month

Wednesday marked the beginning of Black History Month. The observance celebrates the achievements of African Americans and a time for recognizing their role in U.S. history. For the month of February, the News Review will run articles about the contributions of African Americans living in Greenbelt. The series is being coordinated by News Review reporter Altoria Bell Ross.

Windsor Green’s Colandrea Gives Back by Volunteering

by Altoria Bell Ross

Today was moving day. Eleven-year-old Tammy Colandrea sat in the backseat with her sister and brothers eager to see their new home outside of Tallahassee, Fla. As the family rode down the main street of the town, they saw hooded figures dressed in white standing on the steps of the courthouse. The Klu Klux Klan was having a rally. It was the summer of 1987.

“This was the first time I realized what being black in America meant,” said Tammy, who along with her siblings, tried to roll down the car windows to get a closer look but were prevented by their parents. “It all came home on that day



Tammy Colandrea

and in that moment,” she said. “There was an awareness we could not do things the way we used to do. There were new rules.”

For Tammy’s family, the old way of doing things meant living in their former Orlando suburb where neighbors of various ethnicities coexisted

rather peacefully. The Puerto Rican family next door gave Tammy her first Spanish lessons and hers was one of four black families in the otherwise white town of Casselberry. Despite the racial tolerance, sometimes flare-ups occurred.

“Kids would call us niggers.

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Rod Lucas at 17 Admires Veterans, Tuskegee Airmen

by Jim Link

A chat with Rod Lucas leaves you feeling optimistic about race relations in America. Alert, sharp, intelligent, the 17-year-old honor roll student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is too young to remember the righteous furies that rent our social fabric in the 1950s, 60s and 70s and helped heal it for the more harmonious life we enjoy now. But he’s certainly aware enough to be grateful for the sacrifices made by the civil rights activists and heroes of yesteryear who kicked open some doors and made his life richer with possibility.

The heroes Rod admires most are “our veterans, those who have



Rod Lucas

fought in Iraq and Afghanistan and other wars, especially our black veterans . . . especially the Tuskegee Airmen.” Rod finds it “bizarre” that the black fighter pilots, the “Red Tails” who painted the tails of their bombers red, who flew and fought for their country were so re-

sented. “They would be accepted now,” he smiled, a tad ruefully.

After graduation this June, Rod will very likely attend The Citadel, the military college in Charleston, South Carolina, “my #1 choice,” where he has already

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What Goes On

Saturday, February 4

2-4 p.m., GHI Town Hall Meeting, Greenbelt Fire House

Sunday, February 5

1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Wednesday, February 8

8 p.m., Council Worksession with PEPCO, Community Center

Thursday, February 9

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Administration Building

Letters to the Editor

A Nice Man

On a quite hot July day in 1992, Reverend Hamlin tied the knot between my daughter Paula and Jan Shulse.

I'm happy to report that his knot-tying performance worked because this coming July, Paula and Jan will celebrate the 20th anniversary of this union. Over the years, Paula has often remarked what a kind, inspirational, really nice man Reverend Hamlin was before and during this event. He will likely remain as one of the most memorable people in her life.

Congratulations to Reverend Hamlin on his long service. Now that his knot-tying days are over may he create new bonds that bring hope, peace and well-being to many others.

Shelva J. Angle
Hanover, Pa.

Wants to Move Back

Sixteen years ago when I returned to Pennsylvania to care for my mother who recently died at age 101, it was always my intent to return to Maryland to be near my daughter, good friends and just fun stuff to do. Of course, I would return to the place where we had spent 20 wonderful years in Old Greenbelt.

However, the issue with the contemptuous smoker has me frozen in my tracks. It would not be wise to live in close contact with an element that would hinder my health.

There is a possible solution if it passed the scrutiny of GHI bylaws. If all members in a court signed an agreement to keep their units and surrounding areas smoke free and all new occupants would sign a similar agreement, the whole area would be smoke free in time as smokers left the area.

GHI could draw up a uniform agreement. Violations could result in eviction. As long as there is a possibility of living near smoke I hesitate to even begin looking for property in GHI. This solution is so simple but often red tape and silly legal issues prevent simplicity from resulting in reasonable solutions.

Hope to be back home soon.

Shelva J. Angle

Cooperative Spirit?

Mr. Schuman's letter in the January 19 News Review repeats some of the contradictions that formed the basis of his failed lawsuit.

Mr. Schuman bypassed community debate by jumping from closed-door executive sessions directly to courts of law. This has proven extraordinarily expensive and time-consuming, yet ineffective – for him and the entire community.

He wrote it is “not contemplated” by GHI rules to bring matters like his to the general membership. This is flatly contradicted by GHI's bylaws. Article IV states a member may add “any matter of business” to the membership's agenda simply by gathering nine other members' signatures. Mr. Schuman could have raised serious community debate about smoking at no cost – yet in his own words he “spent my retirement” hiring witnesses and lawyers.

His claim of being “libertarian” contrasts sharply with his effort to use the state to forcibly extract an average of \$375 from each GHI member, including us and other non-smokers living far from his court.

When convenient, Mr. Schuman claims his feud is with the GHI board. At other times his feud is with all 1,600 members of his cooperative. In his letter, he claims it is “not appropriate” to take his case to the membership. Yet in his lawsuit clearly he thought it appropriate to take \$600,000 from the membership. Being guilty only of joining the same cooperative as Mr. Schuman, we wonder: if he did not live in a cooperative, who would he sue?

As society has changed over the decades, GHI's membership has confronted and resolved countless challenges. If neighbors' smoking were the real problem, he could have brought it to the membership. Instead he sued thousands of his neighbors to change one person's behavior. Rather than smoking, Mr. Schuman's problem seems to be cooperative living.

Tom and Johanna Jones

WSSC Wins Award For “Can the Grease”

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) selected the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to receive the 2012 National Environmental Achievement Award in the Public Information and Education-Video category for the Feasty Boys promotional video, “Can It, Cool It, Throw It Away.”

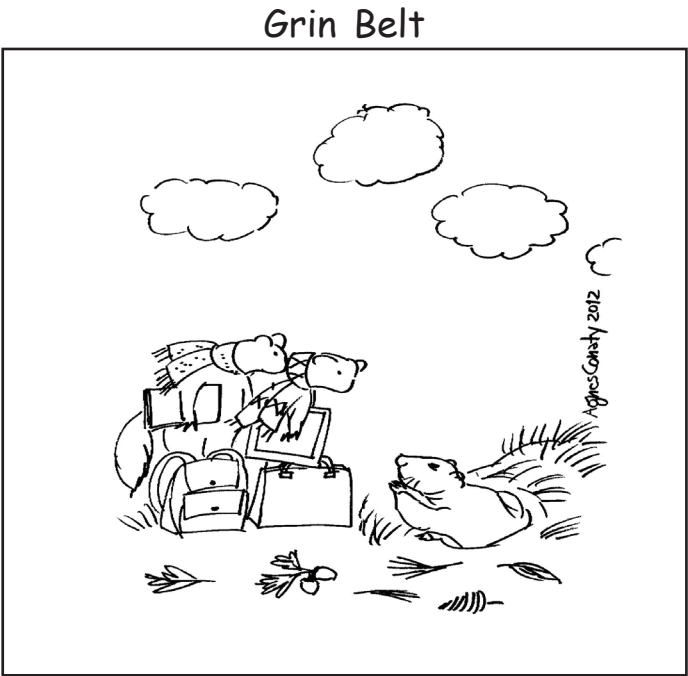
The WSSC Feasty Boys video is a different approach to discouraging residents from pouring fats, oils and grease down the drain. The longstanding Can the Grease campaign focuses on educating residential customers on how an accumulation of grease over time restricts water flow and causes blockages in the sewer, which may result in overflowing manholes or costly basement backups. These overflows can discharge into storm drains and creeks, causing a potential health and environmental hazard.

To see the video, visit <http://www.wsscwater.com/home/jsp/home.faces> and click on “Can the Grease” feature tab to learn more about the campaign.

National Gallery Opens New Picasso Exhibit

Now through May 6 the National Gallery of Art will display “Picasso's Drawings, 1890-1921: Reinventing Tradition.” This is the gallery's first exhibition devoted to Picasso's early drawings and presents some 65 works from precocious academic exercises of his youth in the 1890s to virtuoso works of the early 1920s, including the radical innovations of cubism and collage. The selection focuses on major examples borrowed from American and European collections.

This exhibit will be held in the West Building, ground floor.



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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, February 9th, 2012

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certification: 7 Crescent Road
- Formation of Communications Committee
- Publication of Agenda for Board Meetings on Website
- Approval of Authorizing Resolution for Grant from Maryland DCHD BeSmart Program
- K-9 Kennel Requests Prior to Unit Purchase
- Contract for Addition Maintenance Program Reserves Analysis – 1st Reading
- Contract for Underground Utility Repairs, 9 Research – 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF FEB 3

The Artist (PG-13)

Friday

*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

Classic Film Series at noon
Clark Gable & Jean Harlow in
Red Dust (1932)
All seats \$5.00

The Artist

*3, *5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

*3, *5:15, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

*5:15, 7:30

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Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes
On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library call 301-345-5800 or visit www.pgcmcls.info.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for February 6-10:

Monday – Apple juice, Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, seasoned kale, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday – Orange juice, baked pork chops with plum sauce, baked beans, seasoned yellow squash, diced peaches.

Wednesday – Grape juice, stuffed cabbage with meat sauce, scalloped potatoes, seasoned broccoli, diced pears.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, roasted chicken with mushroom gravy, northern beans, orange spiced beets, apricots.

Friday – Apple juice, fish cakes with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, applesauce.

Computer Club Will Meet February 9

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Everyone is welcome.

GHI Notes

Friday, February 3, Office Closed – For Maintenance Emergency call 301-474-6011

Saturday, February 4, 2 to 4 p.m. – State of the Co-op Town Hall Meeting – Greenbelt Firehouse

Wednesday, February 8, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee – Board Room

Thursday, February 9, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Tuesday, February 14, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, February 15, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, February 16, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, February 17, Office Closed – For Maintenance Emergency call 301-474-6011

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club is looking forward to a great year. The officers have been installed and the committees are in good hands. We are planning trips, trips and more trips!

The Club’s Anniversary Luncheon will be held on April 19 and on May 16 we will host Greenbelt’s 75th anniversary luncheon. Come to meetings and learn about all the activities for the next year.

Tom Moran will be the speaker on February 8. He will bring us up to date on income taxes and will answer questions.

We were pleased to welcome two new members at our last meeting.

We all want to keep Greenbelt green and must save the earth – it’s the only planet with chocolate.

More Community Events
can be found on
pages 4 and 5

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, February 3 jazz pianist John Guernsey plays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Sligo Creek Stompers bring a raucous but refined blend of traditional roots music to the Café from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, February 4 begins with the TV John Show taping from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bruce Kritt performs classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., then John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sahel finishes the evening with a blend of African roots music and influences from around the world from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, February 5 there will be an All Star Grateful Dead Jam with a long line-up of grateful musicians from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Tuesday, February 7 Kenny Fetterman plays folk, nu-jazz and ethnic music from 7 to 9 p.m. The Red Tent brings tribal bellydance to the café on Wednesday, February 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, February 9 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays Mid-Day Melodies from noon to 2 p.m., followed by Tom Constanten, keyboardist for the Grateful Dead from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, February 10 pianist John Guernsey plays jazz from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then The Road brings classic rock in the style of the Grateful Dead from 8 to 11 p.m. The Saturday, February 11 schedule begins with Bruce Kritt playing classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey follows with up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Broken Horse headlines with a rockin’ tribute to Neil Young and Crazy Horse from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, February 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. Jack Couldn’t Make It plays old time folk.

Greenbelters Offered Tax Help by AARP

Beginning on February 7 through April 12 AARP will provide federal and state tax assistance to local residents every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Tuesdays tax preparation assistance will be offered in the banquet room at Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, 6900 Greenbelt Road. On Thursdays the location will be at the Greenbelt Fire Department, 135 Crescent Road.

Appointments are necessary and can be made through GIVES by calling 301-507-6580.

Explore “Three Brave Men” with Jim Link

At the February 10 Explorations Unlimited, veteran SAGE teacher and sage News Review reporter, Greenbelter Jim Link will review the courtroom drama “Three Brave Men” and lead a discussion with 75th Anniversary Committee members Barbara Havekost and Brenda Cooley. The film was based on a true story involving Greenbelt’s own Abraham Chasanow, who was suspended from the Navy Hydrographic Office in 1953 during the McCarthy scare for his role in the cooperative Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation and other organizations.

After a smear campaign of lies and innuendo, Chasanow was eventually completely exonerated. The movie stars Ernest Borgnine as Bernie Goldsmith (Chasanow), Ray Milland as his lawyer and Frank Lovejoy as the Navy captain who supported Goldsmith/Chasanow.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Call 301-397-2208 for details.

NARFE Meets At Greenbriar

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1122 Northern Prince Georges County will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room, Greenbriar Community Bldg., 7600 Hanover Parkway. Call the office for directions, 301-441-1096, dial 0. A speaker is still being sought. The Executive Board meeting follows chapter meeting and members are invited to attend.

Strategy Game Club Meets on Tuesdays

The Strategy Game Club meets every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

The group plays games such as Ticket to Ride, Slide 5, Carcassonne and Ingenious that get players thinking, using their techniques and skills to keep other players from winning the game. Everyone age 10 and over is invited to come join in laughs and a variety of games created to exercise the brain.

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FRI – SAT

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11:25, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8, 10:10

The Woman in Black, PG-13 (!)
11:20, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8, 10:10

Underworld Awakening in 3D, R
11:20, 1:25, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10

Chronicle, PG-13 (!)
11:25, 1:25, 3:25, 5:35, 7:40, 10

The Grey, R (!)
11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

Red Tails, PG-13
11:40, 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15

Man on a Ledge, PG-13 (!)
11:30, 2:10, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10

Alvin & the Chipmunks, G
11:55, 2:20

Joyful Noise, PG-13
4:30

Contraband, R
7:10, 10

SUN. – THU

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The Woman in Black, PG-13 (!)
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Underworld Awakening in 3D, R
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Chronicle, PG-13 (!)
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The Grey, R (!)
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The Bus

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Greenbelt Baseball

2012 Registration Dates

(Bring a copy of Child’s Birth Certificate & Photo ID)

Saturdays: February 4, 11, 18, and 25

Registration will be held at the following locations and times
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ Greenbelt Youth Center
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM @ Spring Hill Lake Youth Center

DRAFT DAY

Saturday, March 3, 2012

10:00 AM, First Year Players Draft (McDonald Field)
(Bad Weather Date Saturday, March 10, 2012 same time and location)

Major League Players Only

(Registration will also be available before the draft)

For more information please contact:

Commissioner – Brian Bailey at 301-395-1547 or at greenbeltbaseball@aol.com




Valentine’s Day at the New Deal Café!


Special Valentine’s Buffet (\$30) from 5:30-9 !
or order from the regular menu

Transatlantic Crossing plays fiddle tunes from 6:30-9

New Deal Café – 113 Centerway
www.newdealcafe.com
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Continuing at the Greenbelt Arts Center!



How I Learned to Drive
by Paula Vogel
Written by Paula Vogel
Directed by Patrick Miller

February 3, 4, 10, 11 at 8:00 PM
February 5 at 2:30 PM.

Ticket prices for each event:
\$17 General Admission, \$14 Students/Seniors

For information & reservations, call **301-441-8770**
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Coming Soon:
February 17 - 19, 2012 - Truth Be Told, guest production from Alight Dance Company
March 9 – 31, 2012 – Pippin
April 7, 2012 - Celtic Concert with The Homespun Ceilidh Band

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PFLAG Support Groups to Meet

On Monday, February 6 Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) support groups for young people (age 13 to 18) and for adults (age 18 and up) will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church at 7010 Glenn Dale Road.

Everyone is welcome. There is no fee. Support groups are led by trained facilitators. Confidentiality is maintained.

The goal of PFLAG is to help families heal and stay together. Participants can ask questions, share concerns and learn about other available resources for individuals and families.

A link to map and directions is available at www.stgeo.org. Questions or requests for further information can be emailed to stgeopflag@gmail.com. Information about other PFLAG support groups in the area can be found at the Metro DC PFLAG website, www.pflagdc.org.

Senior Trip Sign-ups Are Now Available

Five Senior Globetrotters trips from now through June have openings and are available for registration. There is a fee for each. Trips include lunch and a play or shopping or historic ventures around the city and the region.

Thursday, March 1 the group will go to the Rainbow Dinner Theater for "Let's Murder Marsha."

Wednesday, March 7 is Toby's Dinner Theater for "The King & I."

Wednesday, March 14 the group will travel to the Hagerstown Art Museum and Hagerstown outlets.

Wednesday, April 4 will be a Cherry Blossom cruise.

On Wednesday, June 13 Senior Globetrotters will go to Arena Stage to see "The Music Man."

For more information or to register call 301-397-2208.

Orienteering Event At Greenbelt Park

The Quantico Orienteering Club will host an orienteering event on Sunday, February 12 at Greenbelt Park.

Orienteering is an outdoor sport like a scavenger hunt, with participants having fun running or walking to find a series of checkpoints shown on a detailed map.

Orienteering is suitable for all ages and skill levels. Participants are welcome to come on their own or with friends or family. Free beginner instruction is provided.

Pre-registration and full event details are available online at <http://gocweb.org>.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
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ALL ARE WELCOME.

Join Group Bike Ride Through BARC Sun.

All are invited to join in a community group bike ride through the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) to the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center Sunday, February 5.

The 22-mile loop leaves from Proteus Bike Shop in North College Park at 1 p.m. and returns to the shop at about 3 p.m. Greenbelt riders will leave from the New Deal Café at 12:30 p.m. to head to the start.

The route is fairly flat with some gradual or short hills. The group will ride at a moderate pace or in groups – no one will be left behind.

Visit www.proteusbicycles.com or call 301-441-2928 for details.

GMS to Hold PTA Meeting

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) PTA will be on Thursday, February 16 at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose (cafeteria) room at the school. The meeting date was changed to avoid Valentine's Day.

The meeting will include people to answer questions about changes for next year, about sixth graders at GMS, about features of the new building and Theresa Jackson of the PGCPs TAG office will be present to describe the TAG center at the school.

Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of George B. ("Ben") Havens, 80, a retired Air Force pilot and Federal Aviation Agency employee, who died January 12, 2012, at his home in Annandale, Va. He grew up in Greenbelt and was a 1948 graduate of Greenbelt High School.

Congratulations to The Magnolia Elementary School Transformers Robotics team, which won third place statewide in a competition last Saturday in Baltimore. Congratulations Magnolia Robotics team students, parents, teachers and other mentors for all your hard work and innovation!

Happy Birthday and best wishes to Golden Ager Irene M. Owens of Laurel Hill Road, who celebrates her 90th birthday on March 18.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

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Pastor Fay Lundin will be offering a guy-friendly 10-minute sermon and the whole service is based on a camping, hiking and outdoor sports theme. All Scouts past and present are invited. Lots of fun and even a prize for the person wearing the oldest piece of Boy Scout attire. Luncheon to follow service.

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Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Mamas and Papas, the program includes stories, finger plays, action rhymes and music.

Volunteer leaders are also being sought. Contact Greg Varda at gvarda@greenbeltmd.gov.

Accreditation Received For Echocardiography

The Cardiology Department at Doctors Community Hospital has received three-year accreditation for its echocardiography (heart scanning) services by the Inter-societal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (ICAEL).

Echocardiography helps diagnose cardiovascular diseases, disorders of the heart and blood vessels. With cardiovascular diseases a leading cause of death in the U.S., claiming an average of one death every 38 seconds, echocardiography procedures in hospitals, outpatient centers and physician’s offices allow early detection and treatment.

ICAEL accredits facilities that demonstrate patient care in compliance with national standards and analyzes the type of equipment and skills of medical professionals. Accreditation is supported by national medical societies that specialize in echocardiography; some insurance companies require ICAEL-accredited providers for these services.

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University College Hosts Art Exhibit

Beginning January 30 the University of Maryland, University College (UMUC) will host a new exhibition, “Infinite Mirror: Images of American Identity.” A collection of more than 60 works by culturally diverse artists from across the United States, the exhibit is realized through the collective efforts of Artrain (<http://www.artrainusa.org/aboutus.asp>) and a group of independent curators selecting works of art by established and emerging American artists. The central theme is the use of portraiture and figuration as symbols for emotional social ideas. Artwork in the exhibition uses portraiture to depict circumstances and experiences of multicultural populations in present-day America.

The exhibit runs through April 8 and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the UMUC Inn and Conference Center in College Park.

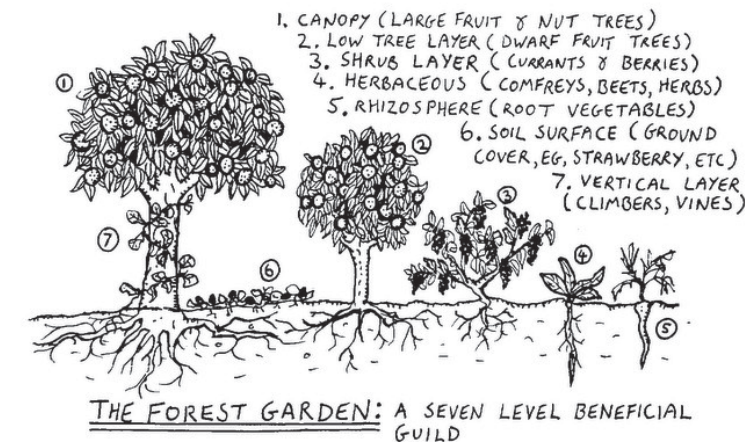
The exhibit runs through April 8 and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the UMUC Inn and Conference Center in College Park.

Food Forests Is GCAN Topic

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN), on Wednesday, February 8 at 7 p.m., will feature a presentation by Juliette Jones on urban food forests. The meeting will take place in Room 114 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Unlike a community garden in which annual vegetables are grown, food forests are planted in zones – one with trees, then smaller perennial fruit-bearing shrubs, hardy ground-hugging herbs and other plants that continue to bloom and produce each year.

Jones, who has designed and installed demonstration gardens for the Phipps Conservatory and an edible garden space for the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, will share lessons learned from her efforts to design and install Pittsburgh’s first food forest in her own neighborhood. She is an apprentice permaculture teacher who works with permaculture and forest garden experts Dave Jacke and Darrell Frey.



A new Greenbelt nonprofit partnership formed in December by five Greenbelt community organizations will work to create food forests here and present the concept to the Greenbelt City Council in the spring. The group has also submitted a grant application to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for food forests and rain gardens in Greenbelt at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center site. Other sites in Greenbelt

and Greenbelt East have been identified, with plans for design workshops in the spring.

The organizations working in partnership on the project are the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), Ancestral Knowledge, Camp Fire USA and Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek and the existing Three Sisters Gardens and Tap Roots at Greenbelt Middle School projects.



City Information



Three Brave Men: Book and Movie Discussion
Friday, February 10, 1:00pm
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301-397-2200. Free

As Greenbelt, MD celebrates its 75th Anniversary, discussion leader Jim Link, presents Three Brave Men (1957) a courtroom drama based on the prosecution of Greenbelt’s own Abraham Chasanow in 1953 for his role in the Cooperative Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation. The movie stars Ray Milland and Ernest Borgnine.



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MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6-10

Wednesday, February 8 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** with PEPCO at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF GREENBELT ETHICS COMMISSION

Volunteers are being sought to fill three (3) positions on the newly established Greenbelt Ethics Commission.

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Please refer to Ordinance No. 1318 passed by the City Council on September 26, 2011 for details of the Ethics Ordinance. The ordinance is available on the City website, www.greenbeltmd.gov, and in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

To apply please send a letter of interest and resume to: Cindy Murray, City Clerk, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 – or email cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

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Maryland congressional delegation as well as to leaders of the Maryland General Assembly. After more discussion, council approved unanimously a motion by Councilmember Leta Mach that the Greenbelt City Council send a letter supporting a constitutional amendment to correct the Citizens United decision. The letter, the wording of which will be developed later, will be sent to the Maryland state legislative delegation representing Greenbelt, Senator Raskin, the president of the Senate and speaker of the House of Delegates and Greenbelt’s federal congressional representatives.

COG Appointments

The resolution of the conflict over appointments to Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) boards was somewhat anti-climatic. As reported earlier in the News Review (January 19), both Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Rodney Roberts sought appointment to the COG Transportation Planning Board (TPB). Roberts previously served as the city’s representative. By custom, councilmembers who wish to continue on a COG board may do so with new councilmembers deferring to more tenured members.

At the earlier meeting, Jordan questioned why the positions were not rotated when more than one member was interested in a specific appointment. He asked why a member might have to wait several election cycles in order to fill a position where background and interest would benefit the city more than the institutional experience of a more senior member of council. Roberts was unwilling to give up his position on the TPB. This issue had resisted resolution through four previous meetings.

With this background, council resolved the matter at the January 23 meeting. Roberts began the discussion by suggesting that he was always willing to cooperate with other members of council but that he felt that he was being pushed out of his position. He wanted to continue to be the appointed liaison to the TPB. However Roberts was willing to limit himself by going to only five of the remaining 10 meetings for the year, allowing Jordan as alternate to attend and vote at the other meetings. While council embraced this approach with some self-congratulations at resolving this difficult matter, comments from members suggested that the issue continues to fester.

Jordan said he was not comfortable with the concept of tenure and that he really wanted to sit on the TPB, noting that he had studied transportation issues in college, worked in related fields for 25 years and had experience with planning through his service on the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board. He thought that it was in the best interest of Greenbelt that different voices be heard on COG boards. Councilmember Konrad Herling suggested that a process be developed

for resolving appointments which more than one member desired. Roberts indicated that he was not in favor of someone “getting elected and getting a choice of committees even if others wanted to stay” with their committee assignment; he felt seniority should matter. Mayor Judith Davis said that seniority in itself was not an adequate reason for appointments: individual interests, experience and willingness to communicate information from the various boards to council and Greenbelt citizens. What would be best for Greenbelt is more important than seniority.

Audience Comments

Comments from the audience reflected the divisions remaining among councilmembers.

Sylvia Lewis described herself as coming from a country with ingrained privilege and entitlement and said she was very sensitive to it. She thanked Jordan for illuminating the “privilege of incumbency” which she felt undermines the democratic process in city government.

She complimented both Jordan and Roberts for the talents that each brings to council and potentially to the COG boards but was disturbed by “people seeing these positions as their private property.” She noted that appointment to a COG board requires not just representing the Greenbelt viewpoint effectively to the other COG board members but also the ability to bring information from the boards back to the Greenbelt City Council. As an example she cited the January 9 city council meeting which, as usual, included an agenda item for councilmembers to report developments from the outside boards on which they serve.

At that meeting, Roberts said he had nothing to report since the December 22 TPB meeting was “informational only.” Lewis spoke of going to the TPB website to review the TPB minutes and finding a presentation of a new COG website (reacharide.org) featuring an online search engine for specialized transportation provided by both private and public entities in the National Capital Region. Lewis described her delight at the capabilities of the website, much more extensive than the WMATA (Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority) vehicle for finding bus and train routes. She noted how useful such a tool could be for Greenbelt residents.

She indicated that the December 21, 2011, TPB minutes reflect a request that TPB members see that their government websites include a link to the new site and gave much more information. She felt Roberts should have reported on the new development.

Other Viewpoints

David Abraham suggested that seniority creeps into an organization in order to avoid conflicts such as the TPB appointment. Mary Anne McAndrew Scott expressed her “[D]isappointment with the behavior of council . . . when we have the new mayor pro tem. I don’t

believe those positions afford special privileges.” She commented on what she saw as hostile body language and disrespect toward Roberts. She suggested, “We have a good council. It’s just lately with some people being impressed with their relative position . . . that things are getting out of hand.”

Betsy Barber thanked Jordan for his service, “I realize you have a sensitive position here. . . . I really admire you for coming in here and standing up for yourself.” However she wanted “Rodney to keep his job.” She suggested there were other things Jordan could do. “It would be wonderful if you could go to Mr. Obama and Michelle Obama and tell them about this wonderful community You could be in a position to get closer to them than any of us could.” She thought that President Obama could go to Anacostia and do what was done here in Greenbelt, giving jobs to carpenters and plumbers and rebuilding that community.

Electronic Resources

Greenbelt Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau demonstrated for the city council a new capability on the city’s website. While electronic copies of the agenda for city council meetings have been posted previously, backup materials for the agenda are also now posted on the website in the evening of the Thursday preceding a scheduled Monday council meeting. Those interested can access the website at www.greenbeltmd.gov. From the home page, clicking on the “button” labeled “Government” brings a pull down menu with an entry/link titled “Upcoming Agenda” which, when clicked on, leads to the agenda document. Links in the agenda document lead to Agenda Comments provided to council members by city staff. More links in the Agenda Comments document lead to the backup material. With this new capability, members of the public can now have access to the same documentation available to councilmembers in advance of council meetings. The agenda and backup documentation will remain on the city website after meetings in the video archive section.

Palau also described an additional new capability involving the archive of on-demand viewing of past council meetings. The agenda for the past meeting, with the new backup documentation capability, is now displayed along with the “windowpane” for viewing the archived video. Clicking on an agenda item positions the video to begin at that part of the council meeting, thus giving access to the portion of the meeting without viewing the entire meeting or guessing at the approximate time the agenda item might have been addressed.

After questioning by council, Palau indicated that updating the website with new capabilities took her approximately 1½ hours the first time she did it but now the process takes about half that time.

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The school system has also found that principals of sustainable schools become involved in sustainability efforts and such buildings become learning experiences for the students as well.

Johnson highlighted the building cafeteria. “It will be a full service cafeteria,” she said. “We’ll cook again. We’ll wash the flatware and trays. There will be no more Styrofoam in the trash cans.”

The school system also is instituting plans for recycling of paper and plastic and it was also noted that the school board will be offering opportunities for anyone to have paper shredded at various schools.

Bus Lot

Council would like to see the adjacent school bus lot, now used for the parking and maintenance of part of the school bus fleet, be relocated to another site. Of particular concern is a proposal to enlarge the bus lot by demolishing a 1969 non-historic wing of the old school that is considered the most suitable building section for re-utilization. While no final decision appears yet to have been made on expanding the lot, the school board apparently does not plan to relocate the bus lot.

“It’s not going away?” Davis asked. Higgins responded that the site was centrally located to the school system’s need.

A site in Beltsville suggested for use by Councilmember Rodney Roberts was not suitable, she said. If the school system could get the former Washington Post printing plant property in College Park, that would be a suitable location, she noted. However, it was understood that property had been acquired by the University of Maryland, which will relocate its plant maintenance operations there.

Higgins said the county now has 13 bus lots but plans to eliminate two of the smaller lots. It would like to centralize into three lots, each 20 acres in size.

The Greenbelt lot, 15 acres, holds 132 buses. If the school system could find a suitable site adjacent to major roads in the northern section of the county, the Greenbelt lot could be eliminated, Higgins said.

Old Building

During discussion of the re-utilization of the old building, council discovered that the \$6 million budget to fix up the historic sections of the old school did not exist. However, school construction is on target both as to schedule and costs. Funds could be left over, in fact, for renovation of the old school.

Higgins told council the school system is required to preserve that part of the building

which is more than 50 years old. Once it is vacated, the Maryland Historic Trust will do an assessment of the original 1937 building and the 1945 addition.

Potentially, it will also assess the 1950s additions, Jackson-Brown said. The school system is prepared to keep up the building and to fix it up according to state requirements, she continued, but there are no plans at present for its use. The school board would be open to leasing the facility for use for the benefit of children and families in the area.

Asked about city interest in using the building, Davis said council had not made any decisions. She thought the city might have an interest in using the office area of the original building but while campaigning for re-election, councilmembers heard from citizens that they did not wish to take on another major expense.

Davis noted a church had expressed interest in exclusive use of the kitchen and multi-purpose room but such a restriction could present problems as relates to other possible uses for the building which might require a shared use of these facilities.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan asked if there was a set point in time by which a city decision would need to be reached.

Undetermined, as council learned, is how improvements to the old building and its operation would be financed. Jackson-Brown said the decision process is on-going and related to the also on-going six-year capital improvement process. Planning for Fiscal Year 2014 will not begin until the legislative session is over, she said. Two possible sources of grants to help provide programs at the old school building were mentioned as worthy of exploring.

1969 Addition

Councilmember Rodney Roberts urged school board members to take the time to consider preserving the newest, 1969 addition to the building, which has been proposed for demolition for enlarging the bus lot. He considered that part of the building of greatest value for re-utilization and felt the school system could make good money leasing it out. Johnson responded, however, that the school system is prohibited from making profits. In other states, school systems can help pay for schools through profit-making operations but not in Maryland, where it is prohibited by the constitution.

While councilmembers expressed interest in helping to get this restriction lifted, they agreed it would be hard to amend the constitution.

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Magnolia Robotics Team Takes 3rd in State

by Rebecca Boggs

The Magnolia Elementary School Transformer’s robotics team won third place on Saturday, January 28 for their project presentation at the First Lego League (FLL) State Championship. Cheering parents, teachers, mentors, students, team members and more packed the music-filled stadium at the University of Maryland Baltimore County where the Magnolia team and 73 others competed. Teams advanced to this championship after 13 qualifying matches.

Hakeem Abubakar, part of the nine-member Magnolia Transformers, when asked what he liked best about the championship said, “What I like best is having fun with my friends and having fun at this competition. I am happy we made it this far.”

The Transformers team, the only elementary school student robotics team in Prince George’s County, has been gearing up for a year. Their coach is George Boyce, a computer scientist at SAIC and contractor at NASA. Boyce works with the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) robotics teams as well.

Mentors

Boyce and student mentors from ERHS, Assistant Principal of Magnolia Angela Barrens-Alexander, parent volunteer Michael Canty and Magnolia teacher mentors Terri Childress, Robert Allen, Dorette Gamble-Bennett, Tanesha Wiggins and Kathleen Ager provided guidance to the Magnolia team to help them build and program their robot and to research this year’s First Lego League theme, “Food Factor.” The Transformers researched salmonella. Ager says, “the best thing about this competition is the kids have fun and there is camaraderie among the teams. Kids ask kids from other teams, ‘How are you? Where are you from?’ This is part of the FLL core values of integration and inclusion.” she says. Teams were made up of students from elementary schools, middle schools, Girl Scouts and 4H Clubs. Courtney, a member of the Transformers said, “What I like best is we got to have fun and hang out with each other.” Magnolia teachers, parents, the principal and assistant principal attended the competition.

Boyce explains how the competition works. “While robotics is the feature competition event, the only event open to the public, all teams compete for awards in three other categories: core values, robot design and the research project. This year, the research project topic was food safety and each FLL team was challenged to ‘explore an actual problem that today’s scientists and engineers are trying to solve, develop an innovative solution to that problem and share their findings.’ While Magnolia advanced to the finals based on their robotics competition performance, they worked hard over the last three weeks to revise their research project by developing the idea of using carbon nanotubes to implement sensors to detect salmonella. The key technology behind their idea has recently been discovered by scientists at the University of Pennsylvania, who were happy to share their work with the Magnolia students via a computer teleconference meeting.”



Focusing hard during the first match of the Food Factor Robot Games are left to right, Marcellis Johnson, Pierre Todd, Hakeem Abubakar, Adama Kargbo, George Boyce (Coach), Jason Hernandez and Josiah Canty.



Magnolia students receive third place trophy for their presentation at the Awards Ceremony. Shown left to right, row 1: Courtney Kapondjo, Adama Kargbo, Flavyne Tsongwain and Pierre Todd. Row 2: Michael Canty (Mentor), Marcellis Johnson, Hakeem Abubakar, Mojisola Akinwande, Jason Hernandez and George Boyce (Coach).

Food Factor

The Food Factor Robot Games, the part of this championship opened to the public, took place on tables set up side by side, each table had model roads, groceries, a corn harvester and other food related items. There were 15 missions for the robot to complete. Josiah and Jason, with the help of Boyce, programmed their computer to instruct the robot on how to com-

plete each task or mission. For example, the Magnolia robot, made out of Legos and about a foot long, successfully completed the mission of picking up the models of the pizza and the ice cream and also collecting the model groceries and placing them on the table, in round one. Teams played three rounds. Jason said enthusiastically, “What I like best is running the program for the robot.”



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GHI’s President Tokey Boswell will introduce the new General Manager, Eldon Ralph. They will discuss the leadership’s vision for the cooperative, the Board’s strategic plan and the major challenges ahead. Members will be encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback to the Board members and senior staff who will be in attendance. If you want to make a difference and have your voice heard, be sure to attend this meeting. Come one, come all!

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GHI BOARD SEEKS TO FILL VACANCY

The resignation of GHI board member Laura Moore has left a vacant seat at the board table. Qualified candidates should submit a Letter of Intent in a sealed envelope marked “**Board Candidate**” to the Management Office by the close of business on February 21, 2012.

Candidates must be a member of the Cooperative and be willing to participate in at least 21 board meetings per year, which are held every other Thursday of each month. Other duties/qualifications include serving as board liaison to at least one committee, a respect for confidentiality, team spirit, independent thinking, and a genuine love of your Cooperative. No prior experience is necessary; however, general business and financial knowledge or experience is helpful.

A candidate will be selected from the submissions received and will be approved by a plurality vote of the remaining directors to serve as a director until the next regular annual membership meeting on May 17, 2012.



Snow Removal, Cooperative Style

Are you ready for snow? Winter is here and with it the need to be prepared for snow. Managing winter weather is a cooperative endeavor in Greenbelt Homes. GHI staff is responsible for plowing courts and clearing common sidewalks connecting homes. First priority is given to courts and service side walkways. Once those have been cleared staff will turn to gardenside and common walkways. GHI snow removal efforts begin once 4 inches of snow have accumulated. For snowfall of up to 8 inches, it is GHI’s goal to clear all courts and primary sidewalks within 12 hours once snowfall has subsided.

Members are responsible for removing snow and ice from sidewalks within their yard boundaries, on both gardenside and serviceside. On shared walkways between individual units, responsibility is shared by adjacent neighbors. Members are encouraged to lend a helping hand to neighbors who may be physically or otherwise unable to clear sidewalks.

GHI members can help support snow removal efforts by avoiding piling snow on any portion of plowed streets or courts. Placing snow in these areas only hampers snow removal efforts, increases costs for all members, and creates a nuisance for other members or visitors to the Court (i.e. mail carriers). When clearing off cars please place snow toward the curb or common areas in the court.

For more information about GHI’s Winter Storm Event Procedures please visit: <http://ghi.coop/content/winter-storm-event-procedures>

Can we find you in an emergency?

Does your home have house numbers on both the garden side and service side that are highly visible from the sidewalk or parking lot? GHI rules require members to install house numbers and letters that are a minimum of three (3) inches high on both sides of their homes. This not only assists the maintenance workers when coming to your home to perform service, but also assures your home can be quickly identified by Police, Fire and Rescue professionals in case of an emergency. The GHI warehouse stocks self-adhesive letter and numbers for members. They are available free of charge. Stop by the warehouse or contact Melvin at extension 134 during business hours.



Greenbelt’s 75th Anniversary Kicks Off

A busy crowd enjoyed the first scheduled event celebrating Greenbelt’s founding in 1937, which took place on Sunday January 8th as part of Artful Afternoon activities at the Greenbelt Community Center. Anniversary festivities featured the dedication of the ‘Faces of Greenbelt’ ceramic tile panel, a 75th Anniversary commemorative speech by Mayor J. Davis, a Mozart musical comedy “The Impresario” by the Bel Cantanti Opera Company, and a hands-on craft workshop. Souvenir items such as T-shirts, backpacks, and mugs were available for sale at a table where the 75th Commemorative Tiles were put on display for the very first time for people to view and place orders. A full Calendar of Events for the yearlong 2012 celebration along with other information can be found at www.greenbeltmd.gov/75.



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Resolve to Get Involved

By the Nominations and Elections (N&E) Committee

Many of us start a new year resolving to work out regularly, stop smoking, start walking, stop (or start) complaining, etc. Whether or not you have been pursuing your resolutions, the Nominations and Elections Committee suggests a great resolution for anytime is to get more involved with your GHI cooperative. Though May 17th, the date of the next Annual Meeting, seems distant in the midst of this season of long nights, it will be here before we know it. So before this year’s calendar gets filled with spring celebrations, make sure that you put a circle around **May 17th** for 7:30 p.m.

The Annual Meeting is a time to learn the latest news and updates about policies and projects in our Cooperative. It’s an opportunity to connect with neighbors that you haven’t seen for a while and to meet new ones. It provides a good way for you to learn about the members who are candidates for the various leadership offices that our co-op maintains. Most importantly, it allows you the chance to vote on initiatives brought before the assembled membership and to vote for candidates to the various leadership positions.

In 2012, GHI members will elect four two-year positions on the Board of Directors, three one-year positions on the Audit Committee, and five one-year positions on the Nominations and Elections (N&E) Committee. The N&E Committee strongly encourages you to put your name in for one of these positions and get involved in making important decisions and setting the path for the future. As a member in good standing, you are qualified to serve in any of these positions. It is important work that can affect you directly in your pocketbook and in the policies you must follow as a member of a cooperative. Perhaps more importantly, your service can shape the future of GHI.

The members of the N&E Committee are glad to talk with you about how to run for office or about possible candidates that you may identify. We can be reached by using the following contact information: **Karen Yoho**, kyoho@comcast.net (chair); **Paula Clinedinst**, cotteyterp@comcast.net; **Don Dorsey**, 301-474-4399; **Henry Haslinger**, hdhaslinger@comcast.net; **Rick Ransom**, 301-441-1597. You can find information about filing requirements and deadlines at www.ghi.coop (click on “Elections”).

GHI Appeals Real Estate Tax Assessments

GHI has filed appeals for the common area as well as 230 properties, primarily 1 and 2 bedroom frame middle units. It was determined by management and the GHI tax attorney that these units as a group might best benefit from an appeal. The members of these units have been notified of the GHI appeal. This appeal will not interfere with any appeal a member may have submitted themselves.

Members who filed a tax appeal, before the January 3 deadline, and have not yet notified GHI, please e-mail Jperry@greenbelthomes.net or call 301-474-4161 ext. 133. The Assessor’s Office may contact GHI regarding an individual appeal, and it would be helpful to have this information on file.

WHAT’S HAPPENING!			
FEBRUARY			
Fri	3	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Sat	4	2-4 p.m.	State of the Co-Op Town Hall Meeting
Wed	8	7:30 p.m.	Architectural Review Committee
Thu	9	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Sat	11	11:00 a.m.	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Tue	14	8:30 a.m.	Yard Line Committee
Wed	15	7:00 p.m.	Woodlands Committee
Thu	16	6:45 p.m.	Investment Committee
Thu	16	7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
Fri	17	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Mon	20	--	OFFICES CLOSED-PRESIDENTS’ DAY
Tue	21	7:30 p.m.	N & E Committee
Tue	21	7:30 p.m.	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	22	7:00 p.m.	Buildings Committee
Thu	23	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Mon	27	7:00 p.m.	Communications Committee
Tue	28	8:30 a.m.	Yard Line Committee
MARCH			
Fri	2	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Mon	5	7:15 p.m.	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Tue	6	8:30 a.m.	Yard Line Committee
Thu	8	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
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Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Drug Arrests

January 22, 5:36 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A non-resident juvenile was petitioned for possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession of marijuana and theft, among other charges. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

January 24, 4:43 p.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive. A 19-year-old Lanham man and a 19-year-old Greenbelt man were arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. They were released on citation pending trial.

DUI/DWI

January 22, 11:40 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. A 35-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

January 21, 12:20 a. m., TGI-Friday. A 25-year-old Takoma Park man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

January 23, 5:42 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Currency was taken.

January 23, 7:00 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. Electronics were taken.

January 23, 7:20 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. Electronics were taken.

January 25, 5:24 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. Electronics were taken.

Trespassing

January 25, 1:18 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 28-year-old Upper Marlboro man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Vandalism

January 19, 9:38 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A window was broken.

January 20, 11:58 a.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A window was broken.

January 26, 10:52 a.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. A sliding glass door was broken.

Vehicle Crime

A 1992 Plymouth Reliant taken from the Unit block Lakecrest Circle was recovered by Prince George's County Police. No arrests were made.

Multiple reports of thefts from vehicles were reported, including seven occurring on January

GHI Board Rejects Request for Kennel

As a result of a recent denial by the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors of a request by a Greenbelt police officer to have permission to erect a kennel in the yard of his GHI home to house his K-9 dog, the officer, Robert DeFibaugh, has announced his intention to move outside the city. In an email to the News Review, DeFibaugh said he decided to move outside the city rather than give up his position in the police Canine Unit. DeFibaugh is required to have a large enclosed kennel to house his dog.

While the News Review did not cover the January 26 GHI meeting, reports received from persons in attendance indicate that persons present spoke in opposition to having the kennel and concern over the noise that might be created by a barking dog.

DeFibaugh also forwarded a copy of a letter to the GHI Board from Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police President Michael Apgar that called the board decision "a huge black eye to the members of the Greenbelt FOP," which represents all city police officers. Apgar called DeFibaugh a highly decorated officer who has been a police officer for 5-1/2 years and recently had been transferred to the K-9 unit. DeFibaugh said he had resided in the city the entire time of his employment.

"The fact that a Greenbelt Police Officer is forced to move out of the city so that he can have a K-9, to be used in the community that did not want him here, is an absolute tragedy," Apgar also said in his letter.

24: 8100 block Craddock Road (GPS), 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (radio face-plate and other items), 9100 block Springhill Lane (iPod and clothes), 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (tools), 100 block Westway (gasoline), 6100 block Breezewood Drive (stereo system), 9300 block Edmonston Road (back-up sensors).

Other thefts this past week: 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (tools), 7700 block Hanover Parkway, two incidents, (clothing; backpack and a roadside kit), 7800 block Hanover Parkway (gasoline), 7900 block Mandan Road (purse and laptop).

Acts of vandalism were reported in the Unit block Westway (a window was broken), 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (windows were broken on three vehicles), 9100 block Springhill Lane (a window was broken).

Greenbelt Station Dream May Be Turning into a Nightmare Instead

by Thomas X. White

Following up from a December 14 executive session on Greenbelt Station on January 25 a city worksession at the Community Center focused on the city's proposed South Core. Six members of council were in attendance, with Silke Pope away from Greenbelt on family business.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran, Director of Planning & Community Development Celia Craze and Community Planner Jaime Fearer were also in attendance. A later council worksession, focusing on the North Core, was scheduled for February 1.

As long-time readers know, the saga associated with Greenbelt Station development began more than 10 years ago when a projected large-scale residential, commercial and office development was being designed for the large swath of vacant land adjacent to and south of the Greenbelt Metro station. Nearly seven years ago, in May 2005, a comprehensive Development Agreement was approved between the City of Greenbelt, Metroland Developers LLC and Metropark LLC.

Metropark LLC, primarily owned by the A.H. Smith family, won approvals for the South Core development consisting of mixed use retail, condominiums and townhomes on either side of a proposed north-south connector road between the Metro station and Greenbelt Road. At the same time Metroland Developers LLC entered into a joint development agreement with the Washington-Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) for rights to large-scale development on the existing parking lot adjacent to the station.

Fast forward to 2012. Now hopes of rational development of the sites are long gone with a falling economy, especially for housing; numerous legal forays among WMATA and purported developers for the North Core; involvement of Metropark co-owners in bribery investigations and the bankruptcy last year of the A.H. Smith-led Metropark LLC holdings.

According to a January 19 memo by Craze to McLaughlin, the South Core is now owned by CRM-Mid Atlantic Properties (CRM), a real estate holding company for SunTrust Bank, which has foreclosed on the property. They are attempting, through CRM, to find developers, Craze says, who will complete the South Core project with some possible changes from the approved Preliminary Plan of Subdivision and Detailed Site Plans for a portion of the property.

The North Core (Metroland Developers LLC and the A.H. Smith Estate) is in an even sorer state. Craze says in her memo: "There has been no developer interest in construction of the mixed-use North Core as was approved in its Conceptual Site Plan and Preliminary Plan of Subdivision. There is no certainty that this plan will ever be constructed as approved."

She reasons that significant

impediments to North Core development are the over \$200 million cost of site-related infrastructure requirements and the need to underwrite the construction for an I-95/495 ramp (from the east) to the site at a cost of more than \$50 million.

One possibility for the North Core site, however, is its potential for selection as the General Services Administration (GSA) location for a possible site of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters consolidation project. Craze notes in her memo that both site and procurement processes for the FBI consolidation have not yet started. It is anticipated, however, that a formal process to select a building site could start this year, she says.

Within the region, Prince George's County has been named as a possible location for such a project. Greenbelt, however, would be in competition with other sites such as the New Carrollton and Branchville Metro stations, the Andrews Air Force Base complex and an unnamed site in Virginia.

North Core

Timing is much more important for something to happen on the North Core than the South Core. Metroland Developers LLC has a three-year exclusive contract with WMATA for development of the North Core, which expires on March 1, 2014 with an optional two-year extension if the FBI headquarters project were to go forward at the Greenbelt Station site.

However, the Craze memo points out that if no viable development project is in process when the exclusive contract expires in early 2014, WMATA could solicit another joint development proposal, transfer the site to GSA under a new agreement considered by WMATA or extend the agreement with Metroland. She notes that if no clear indication exists that the FBI project is heading to Greenbelt, it would be doubtful that WMATA would extend the agreement with Metroland.

The implications for Greenbelt if that scenario unfolds would be unfortunate. One, if the Metroland joint development agreement with WMATA expires and the site is ultimately developed by another entity, the existing conditions of the development agreement with the City of Greenbelt would not be binding on a successor organization.

Two, if the North Core is developed under WMATA ownership, it would not be subject to property tax. If the WMATA property is acquired by GSA, it also will not be subject to property tax.

Only if the property is developed by a private entity under some arrangement by either WMATA or GSA would the city be able to levy a property tax on new development at the site.

At the present stage of development (or non-development), the city's focus is on updating and amending the development agreement they had entered into with the developer parties of both the North and South Cores in May

2005. Craze devoted much of her presentation at the worksession to proposed amendments the city staff is recommending for negotiations with the new owners of the South Core (CRM/SunTrust).

Two Agreements

The strategy would be to split the existing development agreement into two separate agreements, one applicable to agreements between the city and CRM/SunTrust, the other applicable to the developer entity for the North Core. Like this worksession, another worksession on February 1 was to discuss the North Core issues.

Craze mainly used a tabular listing of proposed changes to walk council through the recommended possibilities for the agreement. Some councilmembers, who had done their homework, made specific suggestions using the actual developer agreement.

Police Funding

The agreement for funding of Greenbelt police support called for the developers to provide first-year funding for six officers. Two officers would be paid by South Core and four officers by North Core at the time of Detailed Site Plan (DSP) approval (funding for first year only). South Core has already satisfied its portion of the funding, \$240,000. The North Core, which has not come close to the DSP stage, remains responsible for \$480,000 for four officers. In response to a council question, McLaughlin said the city has kept the South Core payment in reserve.

Required funding agreements for onsite recreation, open space and park amenities has been increased by the Prince George's County Council to \$1,750,000. SunTrust will complete, construct and install all site amenities for the South Core, as shown on the approved site plan. The estimated cost for these amenities is \$1,445,000.

The listing explained that SunTrust is willing to take on further responsibilities beyond the original agreement resulting in an additional commitment of \$570,000. The city estimates the eventual North Core contribution at \$875,000, half the amount required in the original agreement.

Required Contributions

The required contribution for improvements to the Greenbelt Police Station, creation of a sub-station or other public-safety associated improvements is \$500,000. SunTrust will contribute \$250,000 for police facility improvements or other public improvements within the project area. Craze noted that the "project area" is understood as anything west of Md. Rt. 201. The North Core developers will also be required to contribute \$250,000.

Developers are to provide the city with \$500,000 to be used for beautification and/or right-of-way improvements on Cherrywood Lane. Both North and South Core will be required to contribute \$250,000 each for

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Cherrywood Lane improvements. SunTrust will also contribute \$300,000 to the city and allow the city to determine the most appropriate uses for those funds in the project area. The North Core will be required to contribute \$300,000 for trail improvements. Fearer noted there may be a possibility for the city to use such funding as matches for grant funds related to this project area.

Improvements

The North Core will be required to contribute \$10 million toward construction of a full Beltway interchange at the Metro Station. Since this is a condition for the North Core, SunTrust will not be responsible for such a contribution.

Regarding the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Metro Access Drive, SunTrust is prepared to proceed with construction pending approval of construction plans. City planning staff are projecting that construction of the roundabout may begin in early March this year. The estimated cost is \$400,000 to \$500,000. If that amount were not satisfied by South Core developers, the North Core group would be responsible.

The North & South Core developers are also each required to fund half the total cost for construction of sidewalks on the west side of Cherrywood Lane. The estimated cost is \$278,000.

It was noted that the sidewalk project is needed now. It would involve a new sidewalk from just south of Metro Access Drive to a proposed east-west road from the South Core intersecting with Cherrywood Lane in the vicinity of Breezewood Drive.

Mayor Judith Davis noted the consultant proposal for the Sector Plan was calling for returning Cherrywood Lane back to four lanes. There appeared, however, to be some council push-back for that idea.

Finally, funds will be required for a trail connection heading northward from the South Core to the WMATA train station platform. This is a new condition and SunTrust would construct a pedestrian path at an estimated cost of \$470,000. This new condition would not apply to the North Core developers.

Overall, these conditions result in about \$1.65 million for additional public improvements. Council suggestions for proposed changes in the Development Agreement included changes updating the standards for pavement materials, including impervious materials and other design features mitigating impacts of storm water in the developed areas.

Davis suggested that any new public parking areas should include metered charging stations for electric vehicles. She also suggested additional language urging the installation of "Public Art" in the public and commercial areas.

South Core Zoning

Craze brought council up-to-date on existing requirements for development in the South Core and various changes that CRM/SunTrust will be seeking in order to better market the project and gain interest from the development community. Since SunTrust has taken over respon-

sibility for the project, they have identified several conditions of the previously approved CSP and DSP that present marketing problems.

First, they believe it will be difficult to market the amount of local retail envisioned in the approved South Core neighborhood. They reason that the immediate area already has too much commercial development and that the requirement for condo over retail in the South Core may not work. Instead, they ask for fewer condos and apartments and more townhouses.

SunTrust is willing to test market some neighborhood retail (about 10 to 12,000 sq. ft.), however, on a site just across the connector road from the South Core public common. If they fail to attract developers to that tract, they would cede the property to the city, having it act as an extension of public

open space on the west side of the connector road.

SunTrust would also be willing to test the market for a small grocery and/or office space in an area currently slated for apartments, seeing if developers would be interested. If not, SunTrust would like to be able to switch that area (also on the west side of the connector road) to town homes.

In addition, they would seek changes among the town home mixes already approved at the DSP stage. Craze assured council that about 24 live-work units would remain in the proposal.

Discussion regarding the proposed changes to the development agreement applicable to the South Core developers and their issues with land use requirements for the project will be continued at a council work-session with SunTrust representatives planned for February 22.

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Each year about 800,000 new cases of diabetes are diagnosed. Even more frightening- the Center for Disease Control reported a 70% increase in diabetes diagnosed in 30-39 year olds from 1990-1998. In diabetics, the blood glucose level is higher than normal due to a lack of insulin. Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas, the organ that breaks down sugar in our bodies. Diabetics are typically unable to produce enough insulin or use the body's natural insulin. Heart disease, blindness, organ failure, and poor circulation are medical concerns associated with high glucose levels. However, diabetes also increases the risk of gum disease, which can affect your overall health.

The first stage of gum disease is gingivitis. Gingivitis occurs when normal bacteria in the mouth are not removed adequately. This causes the gums to become inflamed or swollen. Bacteria grow in plaque, a sticky film that everyone can remove with proper brushing and flossing. If the plaque is not removed, it hardens into tartar (also known as calculus). When teeth are not cleaned properly, gums start to bleed while brushing and flossing, a sign of gingivitis. Only a professional cleaning by your dental hygienist or dentist and can remove tartar or calculus.

If gingivitis is ignored, more severe gum disease called periodontitis may develop. Periodontitis causes pockets to form between your teeth and gums. The gums pull away from your teeth allowing more germs to enter. The resulting infection may cause bone loss around your teeth which often leads to loose teeth.

Research indicates a strong correlation between gum disease and diabetes. Diabetics are more prone to bacterial infections and cannot fight bacterial infections as well as a patient with normal glucose levels. Common symptoms of oral infections include swelling, pus, pain while chewing or general pain in the mouth, oral sensitivity to temperature and sweetness, and white or red patches within the mouth.

New studies emphasize the importance of oral health and suggest that gum disease may actually contribute to diabetes. Serious oral infections

like periodontitis can cause unbalanced glucose levels which increase the risk factors for diabetes.

Preventing oral health problems in diabetics is first controlled by regulating diabetes. Keep a healthy glucose level. Secondly, brush and floss your teeth properly at least twice daily. Finally, maintain regular check-ups with your dentist. Make sure to keep your dentist and hygienist updated on your health condition, medications, and glucose levels. Dental procedures are best performed when blood sugar is carefully controlled. Diabetics are

typically slower healers, so regulating diabetes allows for a faster healing time. Remember to eat before heading to the dentist and stick to your normal meal plans afterwards in order to maintain regular blood sugar levels. If you cannot

chew well after the visit, plan an alternative way to sustain your calorie intake. If you have any concerns about how your diabetes will affect your upcoming dental visit, contact your dentist and plan your strategy for a healthy smile.

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Council Gives ACE Grants For 16 School Programs

by Jon Gardner

At the meeting on Monday, January 23 council approved 16 Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) grants to four local schools. The ACE grants are available to teachers and parent-teacher organizations of Greenbelt schools. The grants are given in response to proposals for projects or items which enhance or enrich school-based activities. They will be funded by the City of Greenbelt and selection of the proposals for funding was made by the Greenbelt City Council based on input from ACE.

Greenbelt Elementary School won six ACE grants. The school will get four high-quality microscopes to use in the science classes. ACE grants will fund a program on nonfiction writing based on local author Amy Hansen’s Bugs and Bugsicles book and another program on drawing and illustration with local artist Mr. Geo. The pre-K class will enjoy a field trip to the Chesapeake Children’s Museum. A grant will fund the purchase of the IXL online math software. The school is planning to put on a musical play in the spring, and an ACE grant will fund supplies so the students can create painted backdrops.

Springhill Lake Elementary School PTA will receive three grants to support after-school programs aimed at health and fitness. They will have a Garden Club and a Cooking Class that will promote outdoor activity and

healthy food. The school will also run an after-school exercise class for students, teachers and parents.

Greenbelt Middle School was also a big winner with six grants awarded. During spring break the school will hold a music composition camp that makes use of musical creation stations that were purchased with an ACE grant last year. Start-up funding for a Robotics Club at Greenbelt Middle will provide a feeder program for the highly successful Robotics program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Graphics design software will add a digital component to the art curriculum. The English Language Learners will take a field trip to the Smithsonian Natural History Museum. An ACE grant will provide copies of the novel A Green Glass Sea to enhance the honors students’ study of World War II. With an ACE Grant, the Greenbelt Middle School PTA will sponsor a Day of Dance to which the community will be invited.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School will receive an ACE grant to provide agenda books to the Special Education classes. The agenda books will enable the students to develop the self-management and organizational skills necessary to succeed in their educational activities.

Jon Gardner is the chair of ACE

Early Morning Bowie Bird Walk on Feb. 4

Meet at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 4 at the parking lot of the Fran Uhler Natural Area at Lemon Bridge Road just north of Bowie State University for the free Audubon Society monthly bird walks, held on the first Saturday year round. Beginners and experts may see resident and migrating woodland and field birds and waterfowl, with good chances also to see raptor flyovers at this Patuxent River forested floodplain. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested.

Call 410-765-6482 for more information.

Animal Architects At Wildlife Center

Apartments, houses and mansions are homes for people. But just like people, animals build homes too – lodges, dens and nests. Children ages 5 to 7 are invited to come learn about animal architects and build an animal home in this hands-on program at the National Wildlife Visitor Center on Friday, February 10 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

Enjoy Flute Concert At National Gallery

At 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8 the National Gallery of Art will present a concert by flutist Brandon George. Music by León, Schubert and Still will be performed. The concert will take place in the West Building lecture hall.

Meet Tuskegee Airmen At Aviation Museum

Meet a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. on Saturday, February 11 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park.

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African American military aviators in the United States Armed Services during World War II. Learn about the history of the Tuskegee Airmen and learn about the current Tuskegee Airmen organization. This event is free after paying museum entrance fee.

For more information call 301-864-6029; TTY 301-699-2544.

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Learn the motions of the waltz, then dance to live fiddle and guitar music for an evening out with Greenbelters Anne and Jon Gardner of Transatlantic Crossing.

The College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) is offering this program on Friday, February 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. Parking passes are available.

No experience is necessary and refreshments are provided. This event is free with donations accepted at the door. Call 301-927-3013 or go to info@cpae.org for more information.



Signs of spring abound as crocuses, daffodils and snowdrops are appearing around the city. These were captured by News Review photographer Helen Sydavar.



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been accepted. From there he intends to do a stint as a Marine Corps officer. His ambitions then focus “on some kind of law enforcement work. Maybe the FBI, preferably national security, some kind of counterterrorism work.”

Rod was a middle distance runner on the ERHS track team, 400 meters for example, during his freshman and sophomore years.

“Any white guys fast enough to make the team?” “Yep. No problem there,” replied Rod to the obtuse interviewer.

Speaking carefully, pausing thoughtfully, Rod elaborated a bit about race relations at ERHS. “Overall, there’s not much racism at all.” Every community has its loose lipped flippants who make snarky remarks about both blacks and whites, Rod claimed.

“I’ve got white friends ; I have black friends. I talk properly and get razzed occasionally for it.”

“Have you ever tried wearing your trousers down around your kneecaps and loping with a prison inmate’s gait?” Rod deflected this preposterous question by saying, “I’m me. I think people respect me for that.”

“Do you resent any African-American celebrities?”

“No, but I resent negative stereotypes. Our society is too materialistic. The recent chaos and turmoil over the release of the Jordan Nike Concord shoes, for example. \$200 for a pair of shoes? You’ve only got two feet; I think they (the manufacturers) simply changed the color.”

Rod’s responses when I mentioned several Black History makers were quite revealing; he graciously endured my little pop quiz.

The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.? “Non-violent, peaceful. I have a dream speech. He was assassinated.”

Malcolm X? “A revolutionary. More aggressive. He was assassinated.”

Lena Horne? “I don’t know.”

Harry Belafonte? “A musician. Caribbean.”

Marian Anderson? “I’m drawing a blank.”

Jackie Robinson? “Yeah. The first black major league baseball player.”

Rod didn’t recognize Ralph Ellison or Toni Morison but of Langston Hughes he said, “A poet. Harlem Renaissance.” Very knowledgeable indeed, considering this young man was born in 1995!

Rod’s mom is Trinidadian; his dad is a native of Washington, D.C. Both are transportation engineers. His dad is retired from the Washington Metro system; his mom still works for COG (the Council of Governments). “Maybe the next generation won’t have any racial problem like my parents’ generation had,” said Rod Lucas hopefully.

Amen to that.

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We would go home and our father would explain the term to us.”

In her new home of north-west Florida, Tammy said she encountered different battles. She was teased for speaking proper English, having white friends and making good grades. Tammy said the new rules meant assimilation. Since earning bad grades weren’t an option in her family, she began using slang and associating with students of the same race to avoid being viewed as a threat but eventually Tammy said she could be herself.

Four years later, a teacher selected Tammy to spend two weeks during the summer at the historically black Florida A&M University. The program, designed to encourage minority scholars to pursue engineering, also taught black history.

“Having black history had new meaning to us,” Tammy said. “I never felt bad about being black before but I didn’t think I had the sense of pride I did after learning black history.”

Another summer, the one before becoming a senior, Tammy spent at Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., engaged in a challenging curriculum for the state’s brightest scholars. In that program, volunteer teachers encouraged Tammy to apply to Yale University. She did and was accepted. That experience fortified her for an incident that took place when she returned to school that fall. One of the athletic directors who was also a teacher known for his racist views told Tammy the only reason she got into Yale was because she was black and a woman.

“Black people get accepted because they are capable,” said Tammy, who graduated salutatorian of her class.

The capabilities of the eight-year Windsor Green resident are many and she says volunteering in the community is a means of paying forward. Tammy has lent her talents as a professional fundraiser, co-chairing the annual winetasting event and raffle at Greenbelt Nursery School where her son Giuseppe and daughter Ruby attended the last two years. She also serves up pumpkins and baked goods at the city’s annual pumpkin walk.

Tammy began volunteering after she graduated from Yale with a degree in psychology in 1997. She helped a friend get clothing for immigrant families in Connecticut. Tammy then worked at a consulting firm in sales management, however, returned to her passion of helping people by providing behavioral therapy to autistic children at a Greenwich nonprofit. She switched careers and locales by moving to Maryland and taking a job with Teacher Care in 2001. In that capacity Tammy planned lessons, monitored field trips and provided care for her charges during 12-hour shifts. Following that experience, she studied social work at Catho-

lic University, receiving a master’s degree.

Obtaining education and dispersing knowledge has been a main theme in Tammy’s life. The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday was an opportune time for Tammy and her husband, Antonio (Tony), whom she met at Yale, to visit the King monument and discuss the contributions of black people with their children.

As the days of the Civil Rights Movement grow more distant and race relations continue to improve, Tammy believes that the sting of racism will become less severe and relevant. It also means that many situations from which she thought she would have to shield her children probably won’t happen such as being excluded from sleepovers or having friends of another race decline invitations to their home.

“The world is more diverse and open.”

Tammy’s own family is a reflection of that diversity. Tony, whose parents spend half the year in either Connecticut or Naples, Italy, is a first-generation American. Giuseppe is named for his paternal grandfather, Ruby for her maternal grandmother. As such, Tammy says she will keep her children aware of the various cultures around them and pass on something she learned at a young age, pride.

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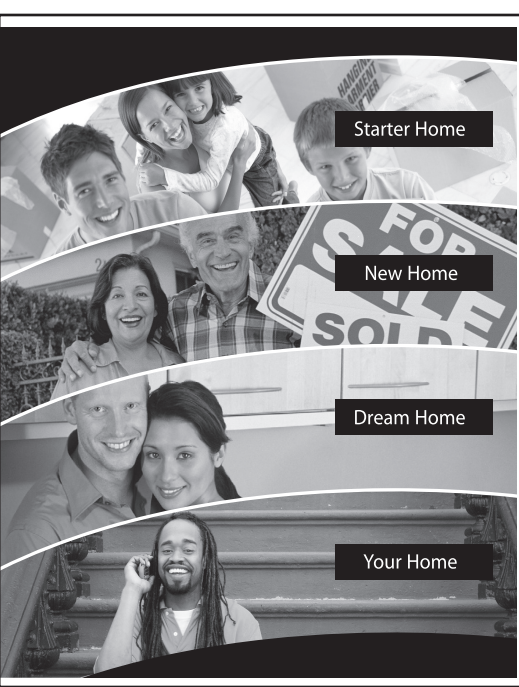
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Electronics Recycling: Popular and Productive



Robert Tripe and Nate Rozier lay a CRT (cathode ray tube) TV on a stack. On the right is William Smith, Refuse/Recycling Collection Supervisor.

Greenbelt's Electronics Recycling program has been in operation since early 2000, with collection events scheduled quarterly. The most recent collection, which took place on Saturday, January 28, drew 207 cars into the city's Public Works yard. It is too early to measure the success in actual pounds of recycled items. According to Recycling Coordinator Luisa Robles, however, the amount of recycled materials continues to grow each year.

According to program reports, the first year about 2,700 lbs. of recycled products were collected. In Fiscal Year 2011, nearly 77,000 lbs. of recyclables were taken out of the municipality's waste stream. Items include TVs, various computer equipment, recording equipment and speakers, wire and power cords, cameras, telephones, radios, light bulbs, batteries (which must be taped on one end to reduce fire hazard) and polystyrene.

Once the products are boxed, shrink wrapped and palletted they are transferred to UNICOR. In compliance with OSHA guidelines and EPA, state and local regulations the products are tested, sorted and de-manufactured for recycling. According to Robles, the vendor assures that all of the processing involved will take place in the U.S. under the strictest of environmental and safety standards. UNICOR is known for providing vocational training and employment for inmates within the federal prison system.



Kent Rowlette carries bags of Styrofoam blocks.



Fredy Herrera wraps up a pallet of computer monitors.



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